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<i>DM</i>	3,769,784	11/1973	Jones	56	295			
<i>DM</i>	3,911,579	10/1975	Lane et al.	30	346.54			
<i>DM</i>	3,975,891	8/1976	Gunther	56	295			
<i>DM</i>	3,988,955	11/1976	Engel et al.	83	661			
<i>DM</i>	4,052,230	10/1977	Aylward	148	2			
<i>DM</i>	4,119,004	10/1978	Ludwig	83	661			
<i>DM</i>	4,399,611	8/1983	Maringer	30	350			
<i>DM</i>	4,919,773	4/1990	Naik	204	38.4			
<i>DM</i>	5,032,243	7/1991	Bache et al.	204	192.34			
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<i>DM</i>	"NEW HOLLAND Disc Mowers/Sicklebar Mowers," Ford New Holland, Inc., (DATE UNKNOWN)							
<i>DM</i>	"International Standard ISO 5718-1, Harvesting equipment--Flat blades for rotary mowers--Specifications--Part 1: Type vbvbA flat blades," International Organization for Standardization, Switzerland. (DATE UNKNOWN)							
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<i>Am</i>	5,093,975	3/1992	Masters, et al	29	400.1			
<i>Am</i>	5,097,727	3/1992	Fischer, et al	76	115			
<i>Am</i>	5,139,006	8/1992	Trudeau	125	12			
<i>Am</i>	5,139,581	8/1992	Grimm, et al	148	632			
<i>Am</i>	5,171,109	12/1992	Arai, et al	407	46			
<i>Am</i>	5,251,514	10/1993	Rhodarmer, et al	76	104.1			
<i>Am</i>	5,299,414	4/1994	Long	56	17.4			
<i>Am</i>	5,456,735	10/1995	Ellison-Hayashi et al.	51	307			
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<i>Am</i>	"Metallurgy for Non-metallurgists," Fisher Barton Inc., Watertown, WI. <div style="text-align: right;">(DATE UNKNOWN)</div>							
<i>Am</i>	"Mower Blades," Fisher Barton Inc., Watertown, WI. <div style="text-align: right;">(DATE UNKNOWN)</div>							
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<i>Am</i>	"Impact Toughness of Mower Blades," Darrel L. Turner, Fisher Barton, Inc., (DATE UNKNOWN)
<i>Am</i>	"Austempering Heat Treatment," Fisher Barton, Inc., Watertown, WI. (DATE UNKNOWN)
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<i>am</i>	"Material Standards for OEM Mower Blades," Fisher Barton, Inc., Watertown, (DATE UNKNOWN)
<i>mi</i>	"Mower Blade Quality--Bend Testing," Fisher Barton, Inc., Watertown, WI. (DATE UNKNOWN)
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<i>Am</i>	"Discussion of Fatigue Resistance in Mower Blade Materials" Fisher Barton Inc. (DATE UNKNOWN)

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